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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

Alpine Engineered Products, Inc.

Art Unit: 3726

Serial No. 09/605,148

Examining Attorney: T. Nguyen

Filed: June 23, 2000

For: PARALLEL ADJUSTABLE GANTRY TRUSS PLATE PRESS

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION OF DECEMBER 19, 2001

Asst. Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action of December 19, 2001, a Petition for a One Month Extension submitted herewith, please amend the application as follows:

New Claims: Please add the following claims:

21. A truss assembly apparatus for use in connection with assembling a truss, the truss having a plurality of truss members and a plurality of connector plates, said apparatus comprising:  
a truss table comprising at least two guide tracks coupled to said truss table and a work surface on which the truss may be positioned;

a roller assembly movably coupled to said guide tracks, said roller assembly configured to press the connector plates into the truss members, said roller assembly comprising a plurality of drive wheels for moving said roller assembly at variable spacial relationships to the work surface;

the adjustment apparatus comprising at least one adjustment means supporting each end of the roller assembly, the adjustment means operably connected to effectuate simultaneous adjustment of the ends of the roller assembly while maintaining the roller assembly parallel to the work surface.